CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	DSC00630.JPG
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1101007.003
Medium:	Computer Image File Printout
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	16 November 2011
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The availability of the computer image file printout is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years because it is a close-up image of a naked young woman's genitals as she masturbates. Society in general perceives an injury in children and younger teenagers being exposed to explicit sexual material before they are ready. Young people do not have the maturity and experience to deal with sexual images intended for adult viewers.

The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of all the classification criteria. The classification given to this image places a limit on the freedom of expression, but the availability of the computer image file printout to children and young people is likely to be injurious to the public good. The classification is reasonable, demonstrably justifiable and the minimum required to avoid injury.